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WHITE HOUSE FOR ADVANCE OFFICE - CAVANEY AND NSC-SOLOMON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (FORD, GERALD)

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL TRAVEL

REF: A. STATE 265546; B. PEKING 2142; C. STATE 266221

1. APPRECIATE PROMPT ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE IN REFTEL C. PLANS/REQUESTS IN PARAS 1 THROUGH 3 OF REFTEL C AND, AS APPROPRIATE, IN REFTEL A WERE CONVEYED NOVEMBER 11 TO MFA PROTOCOL OFFICIAL TANG LUNG-PIN BY USLO POLCOUNS.

2. TANG ASKED A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS, NOTED IN PARA 4 BELOW, FOR WHICH WE UNDERTOOK TO SEEK ANSWERS. BUT TANG MAINLY EMPHASIZED THAT CHINESE SIDE WOULD REQUIRE ASAP THE FOLLOWING INFO FOR ALL FLIGHTS DISCUSSED IN REFTEL C--WITH PRIORITY FOR THE PREADVANCE FLIGHT ON THE 19TH.

A. PASSENGER MANIFESTS AND CREW LISTS, WITH PASSPORT INFO FOR VISA PURPOSES;

?. ALL DETAILS NORMALLY PROVIDED FOR OVERFLIGHT AND LANDING CLEARANCES. FOR PREADVANCE FLIGHT ON THE 19TH, MFA HAS PARTIAL INFO PER REFTEL A, BUT WANTS TO KNOW ALSO
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RADIO CALL SIGN, FREQUENCIES, DETAILS OF ROUTING IN PRC

AIRSPACE, REQUESTED GROUND SERVICES, ETC. (STATE 239605 IS A RECENT EXAMPLE.)

3. HOWEVER THESE MATTERS ARE TO BE HANDLED THIS TIME IN WASHINGTON WITH PRCLO, TANG MADE IT CLEAR THAT MFA WILL EXPECT USLO TO PROVIDE INFO PER PARA 2(A) AND (B) AS IT HAS DONE FOR VISIT BY THE SECRETARY AND CONGRESSIONAL GROUPS.

4. QUESTIONS BY TANG TO WHICH WE LACKED DEFINITE ANSWERS WERE: (A) WOULD CAVANEY STAY ON IN PEKING, OR DEPART ON THE 22ND? AND (B) WOULD THE PROPOSED C-135 FLIGHT ON THE 22ND TO DROP OFF EIGHT MEMBERS OF ADVANCE TEAM ALSO BE BRINGING CARGO? (BY THE LATTER QUESTION, TANG MAY HAVE BEEN HINTING AT SOME DOUBT AS TO THE NEED FOR THE C-135 FLIGHT.)

5. FINALLY TANG INDICATED, WITHOUT SAYING SO OUTRIGHT, THAT MFA WOULD TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ARRANGING (AND PAYING FOR) HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS AND TRANSPORT OF PREADVANCE AND ADVANCE PERSONNEL AND OF THE VC-137 AND C-141 AIRCREWS. THE FIGURE (REFTEL C, PARA 2) OF APPROXIMATELY 63 ADVANCE PERSONNEL AS OF NOVEMBER 23 WHO WILL STAY ON FOR DURATION OF THE VISIT APPARENTLY DOES NOT INCLUDE THE C-141 CREW. IT WOULD PROBABLY BE OF SOME HELP TO THE CHINESE IF WE COULD TELL THEM SOON HOW MANY THERE WILL BE IN THIS CREW.
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